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SUBJECT:CLUSTER BOMB UNITS (CBU): RESTRICTIONS ON USE

1. IN ADDITION TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CLAIMING ISRAELI USE OF CBU'S IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF FLIGHTLINE SIGHTING OF CBU'S LOADED ON IDF AIRCRAFT, WE MOST RECENTLY HAVE HEARD FROM RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN JOURNALIST WITH EXTENSIVE MILITARY EXPERIENCE THAT HE SAW EXPENDED CBU CASINGS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. YOU MAY RECALL THAT ISRAEL FORMALLY AGREED (DINITZ-MCAULIFFE LETTER 16 DECEMBER 1976) TO CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS LIMITING CBU USE AS FOLLOWS: (BEGIN TEXT)

-- (A) THESE WEAPONS WILL BE USED ONLY IF ISRAEL IS EN-  
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GAGED IN ACTIVE GENERAL HOSTILITIES WITH THE REGULAR ARMED FORCES OF ONE OR MORE ARAB STATES AT A LEVEL OF ARMED CONFLICT ON THE SCALE EXPERIENCED DURING JUNE 1967 AND OCTOBER 1973. (TRAINING WITHIN ISRAELI TERRITORY IS EXEMPTED FROM THIS PROVISION.)

-- (B) THESE WEAPONS WILL BE USED ONLY AGAINST CLEARLY

DEFINED MILITARY TARGETS, AND THEY WILL NOT BE USED AGAINST TARGETS LOCATED IN, OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO, CIVILIAN POPULATION CENTERS.

-- (C) THESE CONDITIONS ARE TO BE APPLIED TO ALL CBU'S SOLD BY THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO THE APPROVED LIST OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO THE GOI IN JANUARY 1976, AS WELL AS TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY SOLD, THOSE WHICH MAY BE SOLD IN THE FUTURE, AND THOSE WHICH MAY BE PRODUCED IN ISRAEL UTILIZING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, U.S. COMPONENTS OR TECHNOLOGY. (END TEXT).

3. YOU SHOULD GET TO WEIZMAN SOON TO INFORM HIM THAT REPORTS FROM MEDIA SOURCES CLAIMING CBU USE ARE CAUSING CONCERN HERE THAT 1976 LIMITATIONS AGREEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. (FYI: REPRESENTATIVE MCCLOSKEY HAS WRITTEN TO THE PRESIDENT PROTESTING IDF USE OF CBU'S AS ALLEGED BY PRESS. END FYI.) WE LOOK FORWARD TO ISRAELI COMMENTS AND ASSURANCES.  
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